

REMARKS

Applicant requests that the Examiner issue a form PTO-892 that lists U.S. Patent No. 5,796,165 (Yoshikawa et al.), which was mentioned in the Office action.

Claims 16 and 19-23 are pending.

In the Office action, claims 17-18 and 22 were rejected as indefinite because of the phrases "a bridge" and "reflow."

Claims 17-18 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejections of those claims are moot. New claim 23 has been added and recites "third leads." An example of those leads are illustrated in FIG. 1B of the pending application and are identified by reference numeral 13.

Claim 22 has been amended to change the phrase "a reflow" to "a reflow process."

In view of those amendments, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claim 22 as indefinite.

The claims were rejected over the following references:

- * Claims 12-16 and 19 were rejected as anticipated by the previously cited Utsumi patent.

- * Claims 20-22 were rejected as unpatentable over the Utsumi patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,165 (Yoshikawa et al).

As discussed below, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Independent claim 16 recites first and second circuit elements. The second circuit element is stored in a cavity; the first circuit element is located in an area other than the cavity.

In addition, claim 16 recites a particular positional relationships of first and second leads. In particular, first leads extend around an island on which the first circuit element is mounted. The first leads are electrically connected to the first circuit element. The second leads have one end electrically connected to the second circuit element inside the cavity and the other end

exposed from the sealing resin. A position of each second lead exposed inside the cavity corresponds to a position of an electrode on a rear surface of the second circuit element. Examples of the leads are illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 4 of the pending application, in which the first circuit element is identified by 15A, and the second circuit element is identified by 15B.

The Utsumi patent discloses a semiconductor memory card that includes a control IC 10 and flash memory 11. (FIGS. 3 and 4) The housing of the memory card is formed of a resin, which may be partially transparent. As shown, for example, in FIG. 4, both the control IC 10 and the memory 11 are sealed within the *same* resin housing. Therefore, the Utsumi patent does not disclose both a circuit element stored in a cavity and a circuit element located in an area other than the cavity, as recited in claim 16.

Nor does the Utsumi patent disclose or suggest the particular positions of the leads as recited in claim 16.

At least for those reasons, claim 16, as well as dependent claims 19 and 23, should be allowed.

Independent claim 20 also recites features similar to those of claim 16 regarding the first and second circuit elements and the first and second leads. Thus, claim 20 also should be allowed.

The Yoshikawa et al. patent does not disclose the features missing from the Utsumi patent. Therefore claims 21-22 should be allowed as well.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this

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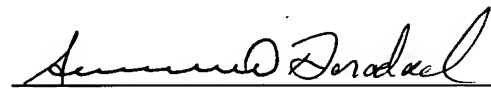
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paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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